

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Appl. No.:** : 10/822,272 **Confirmation No.** 2174  
**Applicant:** : D'Elena, et. al.  
**Filed:** : April 8, 2004  
**Group Art Unit:** : 3624  
**Examiner:** : Fleischer, Mark A.  
**Docket No.** : END920040009US1  
**Customer No.** : 87176

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 25, 2009, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 26, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Van Leeuwen & Van Leeuwen, Deposit Account No. 50-3754.